

HOUSE BILL 3064

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504, relative to handgun carry permits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

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(1) Except as provided in subdivision (n)(2), the following documents, and the information contained in such documents, shall be available for copying and distribution pursuant to subdivision (n)(3):

(A) The application or permit renewal application for a handgun carry permit issued pursuant to § 39-17-1351, and the information contained therein;

(B) Other materials submitted to the department to obtain a handgun carry permit and the information contained in such materials;

(C) Materials provided to a governmental agency, or employee thereof, for the purpose of the agency conducting an investigation into an applicant for a handgun carry permit and the information contained in such materials;

(D) The results of any criminal history background check conducted pursuant to § 39-17-1351; and

(E) Whether a person has or has not been issued a handgun carry permit.

(2)

(A) All documents, and the information contained in such documents, unless otherwise protected by state or federal law, pertaining to a handgun carry permit which has been revoked pursuant to § 39-17-1352, shall be open records and, upon written request to the department of safety, shall be made available for public inspection as provided in this part.

(B) If a permit has not been revoked pursuant to § 39-17-1352, or if a permit has not been issued pursuant to § 39-17-1351, the department shall not provide any information in response to a request for information pursuant to this subsection (n).

(3) Any information or other records in subdivision (n)(1) may be copied or reproduced provided not more than fifteen (15) records may be copied or reproduced by one (1) person in one (1) day. A compilation of information or other records may be provided if the recipient of such information or records does not publish such information or records in their entirety nor does such recipient allow others to publish such information or records in their entirety.

(4) Any information or other records regarding an applicant or permit holder may be released to a law enforcement agency for the purpose of conducting an investigation or prosecution, or for determining the validity of a handgun carry permit, or to a child support enforcement agency for purposes of child support enforcement, but shall not be publicly disclosed except as evidence in a criminal or child support enforcement proceeding.

(5) Nothing in this subsection (n) shall prohibit release of handgun carry permit statistical reports authorized by § 39-17-1351(s).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all Tennessee handgun carry permits.